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Class Thoughts

PEACE . . . In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we pray for and decree a permanent peace, uniting all the nations of the earth in a league of justice and righteousness, in which the life, liberty, and love of God shall be paramount.

PRAYER FOR WORLD LEADERS: Through the Christ mind you are unified in thought, purpose, and understanding for the good of all humanity.

FEB. 20 to MAR. 19

ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): His Spirit leads me into paths of righteousness.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): My thoughts of prosperity are made manifest in fruits of plenty.

HEALING (9 p. m.): I am strong in the Lord and the power of His might. I radiate health.

MARCH 20 to APRIL 19

ILLUMINATION (11 a. m.): I behold the sun of Spirit steadily rising in my consciousness, dissolving the fogs of fear and timidity. I am bold, free, all-wise, and all-knowing Spirit.

PROSPERITY (12 noon): Prosperity moves fearlessly into my mind and affairs, and success attends all my efforts.

HEALING (9 p. m.): The resurrecting Spirit of Christ inspires me to action mentally and physically. I am health made manifest.

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If Your Heart Condemn You

JAMES DILLET FREEMAN

HOW OFTEN does our heart condemn us! How often do we shut ourselves out from the fullness of life with a sense of sin and wrongdoing! How often do we deny ourselves the happiness of today by refusing to let go of the shame of yesterday! How often does our conviction that we are miserable, sinful creatures keep us from our heritage as sons of God!

Life should have a full, rich flavor. There should be joy in the little happenings of every day. It should be joy to feel the peace of our own being. We should find joy in love and in all the beauty with which God has surrounded us.

But often we give our thought to our own heart's condemning, and though all God's world shouts of joy and beauty and love to be enjoyed, we will not turn from the "wailing wall" of our unworthiness to take the glory and compassion in!

Yet for all who suffer from a sense of sin and wrongdoing there is this freeing Truth. The will of God is not suffering and denial; the will of God is life, life exuberant, life triumphant, life exultant!

We listen to our conscience as if it were the voice of God. That of course is not true. Our con-

science is no more divine in origin than any other feeling we may have about ourselves. It is formed by our experience and training as a child; it varies from individual to individual. In some persons there is no conscience, in others it is so exaggerated that no matter how uprightly they may live, their conscience will not let them alone. If the conscience were divine in origin, it would be just.

The conscience is a blackmailer. Like a thief by night it comes to whisper of guilt and demand payment. But though we pay a thousand times over, conscience is not satisfied. It returns and returns again.

Can you not be as kind to yourself as you are to a stranger? If a stranger came to you and told you he was full of shame and remorse because of things he had done as a child, would you not tell him to forget and to go free? Yet are you still punishing yourself for things you did when you were a child spiritually? Surely you have punished yourself enough. Your soul has paid the price. Let it go free.

If you have injured another, it is right to make restitution if you can. But punishing yourself is not restitution. It is but adding a new wrong to an old one. Often you cannot make restitution directly to the one you have injured. But the law of life does not require this any more than it requires

that you always give to the one from whom you receive. All the good you have ever done to anyone is your restitution. Does not the good you have done outweigh any evil you may have done?

Shame, remorse, a sense of guilt, these are never good, never of God. A man does not increase his spiritual stature by adding his thoughts of shame to the shame of his deed. If you stumbled while walking in the darkness, would you rebuke your foot? Or would you light a light?

The denial of life is not the will of the Creator of life. Not the one who withdraws from life but he who has faith in life and finds joy in living is a spiritual man. The spiritual man enters with exuberance into all the activities of life. He loves life. So great is his sense of livingness, so keen is his feeling of the wonder and worth of living that to him every day is a journey in jubilation. He wakes in the morning delighted to be off on the adventure of living; he extracts from each moment its utmost of pleasure and surprise; he lies down at night with a sense of contentment, at peace with himself and with the universe. He knows that pain is a sign that something is wrong; if it comes, he does not cling to it but seeks to set the wrong right.

The truth is that if we do not enjoy and cherish love and beauty and joy, we live a half life.

Love love. Love is the heart of God. Love is the

way out of the prison of the self. Love is completion.

Love beauty. Beauty is but another name for God. It is the face of God as Truth is the mind of God. It is the language of the spirit as Truth is the language of the mind. It is the witness of God's presence in the world.

Love joy. Joy is the laughter of God. Joy is a habit and a habitation of the heart that abides in His love. What would you will for your beloved save joy? You are the beloved of God, and the love of God surpasses yours. "If ye . . . know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?"

If you do not love yourself, who are the beloved of God, is that holiness? If you do not love your body, which is the temple of God, is that holiness? You do not find God by repudiating Him in yourself. You do not honor Him by denying Him in your body and renouncing His world.

If a plant is denied its sustenance, it withers. So our soul withers when we deny it the love and beauty and joy that are its sustenance.

You would not punish a child for doing childish things. Are we not all children of God? Will He blame us because, being yet children, we do not always act with spiritual maturity?

Surely the forgiveness of God is ours even before our heart reaches out to accept it. Surely the understanding of God is ours even when we fail to understand ourselves.

God does not require of us more than we are able to give. Having given us a body, He does not ask us to deny the needs of our body. Having given us the capacity for pleasure, He does not ask us to repudiate pleasure. Having given us the desire for love, He does not ask us to renounce love.

It is good to have high standards of thought and conduct, but it is also good to accept ourselves. We do not grow by deploring what we cannot be but by finding joy in being what we are able to be. Not being yet perfected, let us accept ourselves where we are and do what we can. "*It is acceptable according as a man hath, not according as he hath not.*" We are not under the law of condemnation but under the law of love.

Has your way seemed dark? Love penetrates the darkness. Love is full of light. Has your heart seemed weak? Love understands weakness. Love is full of strength. Have you felt ashamed? Love dissolves shame. Love is merciful. As you open your heart to love, all that is less than love will fade away.

If your heart condemn you, God is greater than your heart. God is love.

Things to Do about Truth during Lent

ERNEST C. WILSON

EDITOR'S NOTE: *These are the concluding lessons in the series by Ernest C. Wilson that we have presented as a special Lenten feature. This series began in the February DAILY WORD.*

Follow Your Leading

EVERYONE has "leadings" or "hunches," but many of us fail to recognize them or to follow them faithfully when we do recognize them.

If you have not developed the habit of following your leadings, here is a good way to start:

1. Assume that each good impulse that comes into your mind is a leading or hunch. If possible, obey it immediately. Keep your sense of values however, putting first things first. If you are engaged in doing something that is really important, do not reject it in favor of your leading unless the leading is more urgent. Make a note of the leading, and do not overlook it or permit yourself to forget it in doing other things. Then follow it through into action as soon as possible.

2. Jot down in a notebook the good ideas that come to your mind.

Check them off as you carry them into action.

Most leadings have to do with apparently unimportant things, because great things usually hinge upon small things, and also because life is made up of many seemingly unimportant things.

Your leadings may be like the following: To telephone or call on a friend or acquaintance; to write a certain letter; to take a certain route to walk; to avoid a certain situation or place; to make a certain decision; to present a gift to someone; to develop a latent talent; to prepare for a certain thing.

3. Consider such impulses well. If they do not seriously inconvenience others or do an injustice to anyone, if they are constructive and do not violate your moral sense, follow them out—without delay. Do not procrastinate. Procrastination is the thief of inspiration.

Your leadings may often seem inconsequential. Sometimes in themselves they are, but following them establishes a habit and develops a self-discipline that will make the following of your leadings extremely valuable to you.

Another way of considering this subject is to view it simply as carrying out good ideas and resolutions. Good ideas are the leadings of the Spirit. To get still better ones faithfully use the ones you have. Say:

I am obedient to the voice of Spirit within me, guiding me into the expression of my highest impulses.

Practice Forgiveness

Many persons do not realize that they are carrying a heavy burden by reason of their unforgiveness of themselves and others. To practice forgiveness means that we are not to carry about with us, even in thought and feeling, harsh, unforgiving ideas. Not to voice such ideas is the first step; not to entertain them at length is the second step. You may find such thoughts in your mind, such feelings in your heart, but do not temporize with them! They are like a spark falling on your sleeve. You may not be able to prevent it from falling there, but you need not let it remain there until it does harm. As you brush the spark away before it can burn a hole so now resolutely refuse to entertain unforgiveness within you.

Here are some practical helps:

1. Holding a grudge, harboring resentment, makes your load heavier as you seek spiritual heights. You free yourself as you free others. You free others as you free yourself. Affirm:

I am (you are) free with the freedom of Christ. I no longer hold myself (you) under condemnation. "Go . . . sin no more."

If you are resentful toward another, do some-

thing about it if you possibly can to show your good feeling. Do not estimate results by reactions in the other person. After you have acted you will feel better, more free, than before. If you are resentful of your own mistakes, do your best now. Give your energy to today's accomplishments. Today's best efforts are your sincerest repentance of past mistakes.

2. Do not dwell upon the errors of the past. The past is really past when you reach beyond it. Do not live fearfully in anticipation of evil. Do your best today and tomorrow will take care of itself. "Take no [anxious] thought of the morrow." Do not cross your bridges until you come to them, and do not go back and forth over any you have already crossed.

3. You will eliminate unforgiveness of self (self-condemnation) by considering your doubts and your faith in any matter before reaching a decision. When you have made a decision, invoking God's help for wisdom and good judgment, "rest your case." Do not rehash it. If you later decide that another course would have been wiser, say: "I thank Thee, Father, for increasing wisdom and good judgment. I have learned from this experience. No man and no thing is my enemy. All are my teachers." And keep on.

God in the midst of you is mighty!

The Easter Light Shines Through

WILLIAM A. CLOUGH

My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight . . . but now is my kingdom not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth beareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?—John 18:36, 38.

WHAT DID YOU see, calm Son of Man,
when You stood looking out beyond
where Pilate sat? What did You hear
above the jeers and mocking of the crowd? What
did You feel in Your deep silence when the waves
of bitterness and hate were all around?

Was it the harsh spread of a cross's arms upon a hill You saw, and sharp, cruel nails? Did Your ears catch the echo of scurrying footsteps as Your fearful followers fled? Did Your heart quake, and did You feel the desolation of defeat?

Not You, triumphant Christ, not You!

You saw men groping blindly in the dark, and on beyond the dark You saw the light. You heard the unvoiced cry within their breasts, and sweet and clear, You heard the heavenly answer come. You understood their human hungerings and hurts, and You felt the calm security of the Father's deathless love.

You saw the onswEEP of the years transcending time and God's hand beckoning on. You heard the sound of singing as creation raised adoring voice to the Creator. You felt the surging sureness of infinity fill Your being.

There in the judgment hall where Pilate and the people stood on trial and You alone stood free, Your eyes were crystal-clear. You saw through and beyond to that third day of final victory.

After Your pattern now, dear Lord of light, my clouded eyes are clear, my ears unstopped, my spirit free. I too feel surging in my soul victorious life. I too attune my ears to hear celestial harmony. I too look out beyond the dark and see the radiant glow of Easter's dawn.

MARCH 1

Monday

CHRIST IN ME IS MY ABILITY TO PERFORM PERFECTLY WHATEVER TASKS LIE BEFORE ME.

CHRIST in the midst of me is my intelligence. If I feel unable to solve a certain situation I turn to the perfect spirit of intelligence within me and know exactly what to do. If my work seems to be piling up around me and there does not seem to be sufficient time to perform my work on schedule I turn within to the spirit of power and I am inspired with right ideas; I open myself to the help that I need, within and without.

Christ in me is my strength and power. No task confronts me but what I have the physical ability to perform it perfectly. The secret of continually renewed strength and energy is momentary acknowledgment of Christ as my ability.

Christ in me is my joy. I perform my duties with a singing heart because I know that Christ is my unfailing helper in all that I do. My mind, body, and activities are all attuned to His peaceful and efficient rhythm of life. I do all things to the glory of God.

✿ *I am in the Father and the Father in me . . . the Father abiding in me doeth his works.*—JOHN 14:10.

I REJECT ANY NEGATIVE INFLUENCE OF ENVIRONMENT OR CIRCUMSTANCE. I RESPOND ONLY TO GOD'S LOVE.

ONLY WHAT you respond to influences you. It is not the acts or words of other persons, it is not any trend of circumstances that is basically responsible for what you are. It is your response to all these influences that is the determining factor.

Enlightened by Spirit, strengthened by Spirit through prayer, you can steer your life on the true course that insures happiness, peace, and all good, regardless of surroundings. Only what you respond to influences you.

Resolve today to respond only to God, the good. Resolve to reject as unreal and false the negative conditions that seem to exist. Deny any power to them, deny their influence, and they will vanish.

Affirm this truth: All reality is God, and God is good. I see only good in all creation, and I respond only to the reality of good. I am free from all other influences and my life is blessed with a limitless abundance of good.

☛ *Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.*—PHIL. 2:5.

MARCH 3

Wednesday

GOD HEARS ME WHEN I PRAY THAT HIS WILL
BE DONE THROUGH ME, AND MY PRAYER IS
ANSWERED.

WHEN I PRAY with all my heart that God's will be done through me I feel understanding and strength coming to me instantly in answer to my prayer. I feel the warmth of the Father's blessing filling me and giving me a great loving desire to share it with all people everywhere.

When I shut out the world of appearances and false thoughts and reach with my spirit in prayer, I come into the presence of God and my world is transformed. In His presence I see everything through the eyes of love; my heart is tender and warm toward everyone, and I know that all is well.

I pray continually, at all hours of the day, wherever I may be, silently, quietly, holding onto the presence of God. His love pours in and His will is done through me. Consciously and unconsciously I bless everyone, passing on my Father's spirit of everlasting blessing. I am united with God and with all creation in blessed unity. Prayer without ceasing keeps the circle unbroken.

✿ *Pray without ceasing.*—I Thess. 5:17.

THE UPLIFTING POWER OF DIVINE LOVE HEALS MY MIND AND MY BODY.

I AM God's child. Perfect health is my heritage from the Father of life. If at any time my body fails to manifest strength and perfection, I turn with all my mind and heart to the healing power of God's love.

When I pray for healing and restoration, I know with steadfast conviction that God loves me, that His will for me is health and harmony. As I lift my thoughts to God, my body is healed and harmonized by His love. I let the healing power of God's love cleanse and vitalize every part of my body. I know that every nerve and cell is charged with divine light and life.

I praise God for the glorious life that continually renews and rebuilds my body after the pattern of perfection. When I dwell consciously in the love of God I am a channel for the expression of all good. I am blessed richly. I am a blessing to others.

I now express God's perfect idea of me. The uplifting power of divine love heals my mind and body.

I will restore health unto thee . . . saith Jehovah.
—JER. 30:17.

THE FATHER KNOWS MY NEED OF A PLACE
TO LIVE, AND HE LEADS ME TO MY OWN
DWELLING PLACE.

JESUS CHRIST understood the human need of food and clothing and shelter. He gave us this assurance: "But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

If you need a place to live and cannot seem to find one try turning to God in prayer about it.

Prayer will help you find freedom from doubt, fear, and worry over the fact that you have been unable to find a place; prayer will help you have courage and faith and confidence.

To seek God's kingdom first is to seek the Truth about any situation. The Truth is that there is a right place for you in God's world.

You seek God's kingdom by being strong, faith-filled, and steadfast, by completely denying ideas of lack or shortages.

When you renew your search for a place to live after first seeking the kingdom you will be led unerringly to your own dwelling place.

♣ *I will . . . pour you out a blessing, that there will not be room enough to receive it.—MAL. 3:10.*

I HAVE FAITH IN GOD AND HIS GOOD NOW
AT WORK IN MY LIFE AND AFFAIRS TO ESTAB-
LISH PEACE AND HARMONY.

I HAVE faith in God, faith in His Spirit of love and peace in my heart and in the hearts of other persons to bring harmony and happiness into manifestation in my life and affairs. I resolve to no longer look for faults and shortcomings in others but to look for and find only the good in everyone I contact. As I am faithful in this, my awareness of God's goodness in every person and situation increases until there is no room in my life for anything but peace and harmony and happiness.

My faith in good heightens every quality of God that I possess, and I daily become a kinder, more considerate, more tolerant person. My faith in the innate goodness of my fellow men brings out the God qualities in each one of them and establishes understanding and harmony in all of my relationships. I know that my expression of love, kindness, and consideration will attract the same response from others and will make for a happier, more harmonious way of life.

✿ *Live in peace.*—II COR. 13:11.

MARCH 7

Sunday

THE VOICE OF GOD COMES TO ME OUT OF
THE SILENCE, REVEALING ALL THINGS.

CLOSE YOUR EYES, dear friend, relax your body and your mind. Sit perfectly still and listen in the deep silence. It is as though you hear, clearly and unmistakably, a voice saying, "Be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."

It may not be in these words, but it will be in this spirit. Try it and try it again. You will find yourself rising above the world and its perplexities and coming into the blessed presence of God, into the realm of Spirit, into reality.

Spirit infolds you. Come into your own, quietly, confidently. Shut out from your mind the turmoil of things as they seem. Let go of everything you have been holding onto. God is here, God, the almighty, protecting presence, the loving Father.

As you sit relaxed and calm feel the currents of His power flowing through you, washing away all fears and doubts, soothing and healing and restoring you. You are free.

☛ *These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye may have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.—JOHN 16:33.*

Monday

MARCH 8

I WORK TOWARD TWO GOALS IN MY LIFE:
INNER POISE AND OUTER POWER.

INNER POISE gives power to my life. With it I can be secure wherever I am, whatever problems are mine to solve. It keeps me steadfast and sure; it helps me to be a tower of strength and inspiration and comfort to other persons.

Through prayer I daily renew, strengthen, and increase my inner poise. Besides prayer I need to practice keeping a consciousness of the presence of God ever with me until I live twenty-four hours a day in this consciousness. I need to check often to see that I keep my thoughts and my words in line with my wholehearted belief that with God all things are possible.

From the inner poise in my life there stems an outer power, a power that makes my relations with other persons vital and harmonious, that brings me all necessary supply at the time of need, which keeps my body in health and perfection, which enables me to make real achievements in my chosen work. This outer power comes naturally if I but act fearlessly on my faith in God in accordance with my inner poise.

✿ *All power is given unto me.*—MATT. 28:18 (A. V.).

MARCH 9

Tuesday

GOD LOVES ME AND CARES FOR ME AND
GUIDES ME EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.

DEAR CHILD of God—and indeed you are God's perfect child—let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid, for the eternal light of His love shines before you on the path of life. Each moment of each day this light invariably makes plain the course that you should take. You cannot fail, you cannot get lost, for the Father is with you. Your success in all matters of overcoming is His sole desire for you. It is His will and pleasure that you manifest perfection in every department of your life. What is more, He is helping you to accomplish whatever good you desire to show forth. For every effort you make, His indwelling, harmonizing power aids you a hundredfold.

Release all tenseness concerning any seeming problems in your life. Do not try so hard of yourself but let God perform the healing. Trust Him, and He will bring you through.

*I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou
shalt go:
I will counsel thee.*

—PSALMS 32:8.

Wednesday

MARCH 10

ALMIGHTY FATHER, LET THERE BE PEACE ON
EARTH, AND LET IT BEGIN WITH ME.

HAVE YOU ever thought how much the peace of the world depends on you? World peace does not emanate from one source or one group of persons. In the final analysis peace begins and ends with the individual. Permanent world peace depends on how peaceful every person in the world is within himself.

When you are angry with yourself or with your neighbor you are contributing to unrest and misunderstanding in the world. When you are at peace with yourself and your neighbor you are contributing to the peace of the world.

By letting the Spirit of Christ express itself through you, you find your life becoming more peaceful and happy, and you cannot feel peaceful and happy without radiating a blessing to other persons and so to the whole world.

As your personal world becomes peaceful you are doing your part to help establish peace in the world.

*Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth peace among men.*

—LUKE 2:14.

MARCH 11

Thursday

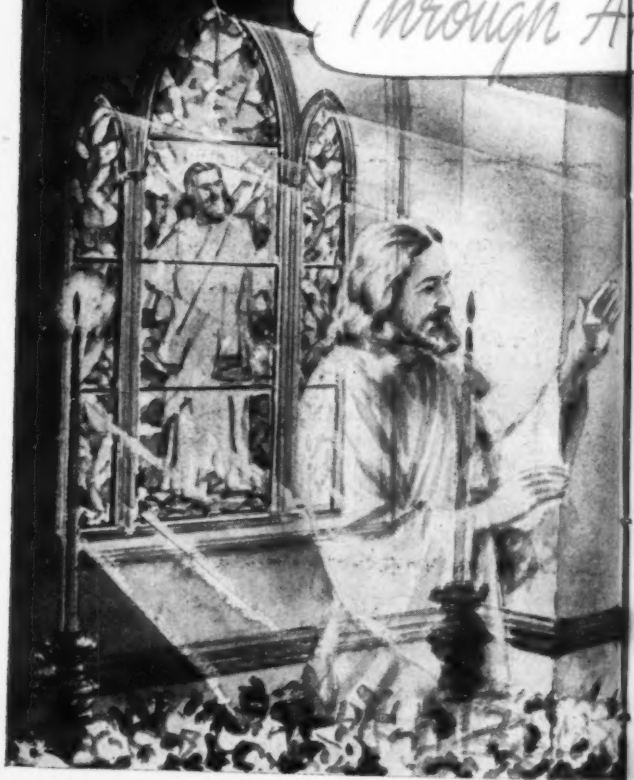
I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT GOD'S LAW OF JUSTICE IS AT WORK IN MY LIFE AND AFFAIRS, ESTABLISHING THAT WHICH IS RIGHT AND JUST.

THERE ARE times when we are inclined to think of ourselves as helpless in the face of circumstances that are beyond our control. This is because we have accepted the belief that other persons have the power to deal unjustly with us. When we stop and think we know that this is not true, for God's law of justice is above man-made law. When we put our life and affairs under His law we are assured that no person or set of circumstances can keep our own from us. Even though appearances may seem against us for a time we can have faith that back of appearances God's law is at work to bring our own to us.

Whenever you feel that you are being unjustly dealt with or that some person or organization is unfairly keeping your good from you, refuse to accept this belief and affirm that God's law of justice is active in your life. This will open the way for divine justice to be made manifest.

✿ *There is no God else besides me, a just God.*—ISA. 45:21.

Through A



Stained Glass Window

JEAN MILNE GOWER

It was at an Easter service
And the choir boys' voices, singing
"Hallelujah in the highest,"
Set the old cathedral ringing,

When suddenly the window
Above the altar gleamed
And burst into a glory
As through it the sunshine streamed.

It drenched the place with radiance,
And a tremor filled the air;
It was as though the risen Christ
Had smiled His greeting there.

MY LIFE IS A CONTINUOUS OVERCOMING
THROUGH THE POWER OF THE CHRIST SPIRIT
IN ME.

FORTIFIED BY the assurance that God, my loving Father, is my help in every need, I am able to surmount every obstacle and solve every problem confronting me in daily life. I am able to face every eventuality without fear or concern, for the Christ Spirit within me tells me that the omnipotent One is my wisdom and strength.

I trust God, and He never fails me. I refuse to permit worry or anxiety or fear to dwell in my mind, for I know that my Father is greater than all. I reject as a denial of Truth every negative thought. Unsupported by my thought, all appearances of trouble vanish. The rock of God's positive good alone remains.

Safe in the everlasting arms I am free from the destructive effects of sickness and lack. I am in touch with the inexhaustible supply of all good. It is all mine as I give myself wholly up to a sure faith.

✿ *In all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.—ROM. 8:37.*

MARCH 13

Saturday

I HOLD STEADFASTLY TO THE TRUTH AND
TRANSMIT GOD'S HEALING TOUCH TO
OTHERS.

DOES YOUR heart yearn to help some loved one who is in trouble of one sort or another? Do your thoughts go out in sympathetic compassion to those who suffer from their own mistakes? Do you wish you could do something to help bring about peace and harmony in the world?

You can help your loved one. You can help all people everywhere who are in need. You can contribute toward world peace. Whoever you are, wherever you are, you can help.

The way is to look deep into your loved one and into the heart of humanity, just as Jesus did, and see the Christ. See the true reality and keep your mind centered upon it in perfect trust. Know that the loving Father is with all His children. Believe with all your powers, and a change for the better will come in the life of your loved one and in the life of mankind because your spirit is true.

You can help and heal as Jesus did.

✿ *Ye are the light of the world.*—MATT. 5:14.

"BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL: AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS HIS HOLY NAME."

LET EVERYTHING within me bless and praise the Lord. I love the Lord with my whole heart, soul, mind, and strength, and I am an avenue for the expression of His love.

Today I let everything within my heart bless the Lord. Every desire is from Him; every expression of my heart blesses Him. Devotion to home, dear ones, friends, these all bless the Lord.

I let all that is within my soul bless the Lord. All memories—of family, of beauty, of my life experiences—I bless as a part of my eternal progress, and my soul rejoices.

I let all that is within my mind bless the Lord. Every thought, every meditation, every word formed in my mind blesses Him.

With all my strength I would bless the Lord. With every physical sense I would bless the Lord. All of me, heart, soul, mind, and body, is so attuned to God that my every activity is a blessing to Him.

Let everything within me bless the Lord.

✽ *Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.*—PSALMS 103:1 (A. V.).

DIVINE ORDER IS NOW ESTABLISHED IN MY MIND, BODY, AND AFFAIRS THROUGH THE POWER OF THE INDWELLING CHRIST.

DIVINE ORDER is a divine state of affairs. A divine state of affairs is a good state of affairs. Divine order is synonymous with health and peace and prosperity. Divine order is well-being in the highest sense.

Back of all that appears is God, the good. Something in us tells us that this is true even when appearances seem to deny it. If we did not believe intrinsically in health we should not seek to become well. If we did not believe in peace we should not try to overcome human conflict. If we did not believe in our inherent right to a secure and prosperous way of life we should not try to eliminate poverty.

So when we affirm that divine order is established in our mind, body, and affairs, we are affirming something that is true in Spirit if not to appearances. And when we affirm that which is true in Spirit we call it into manifestation.

Divine order is now established through the power of the indwelling Christ.

✿ *Let God be found true.*—ROM. 3:4.

Tuesday

MARCH 16

I DENY ALL POWER TO FEAR. I AFFIRM ALL
POWER IN GOD.

I AM NOT afraid of poverty or of riches. I am not afraid of failure or success. I am not afraid of persons or of things. I am not afraid of the dark or of the blinding light. I am not afraid of any circumstance or condition.

The infinite God is within and without, sustaining me by His everlasting arms. I feel the power and strength of His love. I know that it is available and adequate in every time of need.

I deny all power to fear. I affirm all power in God. Relying on Him, relaxing in Him, I am ever secure. I meet every situation untroubled and unafraid. I am calm in the knowledge that I can turn instantly to the source of all power and receive abundant supply for all my needs.

The peace of God fills me through and through. The power of God strengthens and sustains me. I am free forever from every fear and from every danger. I deny all power to fear. I affirm all power to God.

*Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night,
Nor for the arrow that flieth by day.*

—PSALMS 91:5.

I AM FILLED WITH THE PEACE AND POWER
OF GOD, FOR HIS SPIRIT POSSESSES MY MIND
AND HEART.

As YOU let go of personal concern and worry about your problems and let the Spirit of God take possession of your mind and heart, your whole being will be flooded with the consciousness of peace and power. Your problems, whether they be large or small, will disappear when you let His Spirit work in and through you.

Whenever you feel that you need more love, wisdom, strength, or courage, become still and affirm that God is in possession of every thought. If doubt and fear try to creep in hold to the realization of the presence and power of God in your life, and you will find the difficulty disappearing.

You can never be unsure of your way when God's wisdom is directing your mind. You can never be unloving or inharmonious when God's love possesses your heart. You can never be afraid of sickness or lack when the consciousness of God's power fills every part of your being.

*Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace:
Thereby good shall come unto thee.*

—JOB 22:21.

I RISE ABOVE EVERY LIMITATION, FOR I AM
FREE WITH THE FREEDOM OF SPIRIT.

WHEN YOU realize that the Christ Spirit within you gives you complete freedom you will rise above every limitation and restriction in your life. If you have felt restrained by circumstances, bound by some other person's will, enslaved by false desire, recognize and claim your divine heritage of freedom. No person or condition can hold you in bondage when you completely accept the truth that you are free in spirit.

Acknowledge your oneness with God and with His power and authority. If you encounter an obstacle that seems to block your progress speak the word of Truth from your consciousness of divine dominion. You need not struggle in an outer way to extricate yourself from limitation. You need only to know the truth of your freedom in Christ. As you rise above the belief in bondage the outer manifestations of it will disappear. Liberation in your mind will bring liberation in every phase of your life.

♣ *Thou art no longer a bondservant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.*—GAL. 4:7.

MARCH 19

Friday

I AM CONSCIOUS AT ALL TIMES OF THE PROTECTING PRESENCE OF GOD, WHICH INFOLDS ME AND MY DEAR ONES.

PEACE AND security are yours when you realize that you and your dear ones dwell in God and are constantly infolded in His protecting presence. Thoughts of fear and anxiety disappear from your mind as you acknowledge that you and your loved ones abide in His love and care and are kept from all harm by perfect trust and reliance in His power.

Each morning place yourself and all of your dear ones in God's care and keeping. Know that He is watching over you, guiding your hands, and directing your feet into paths of safety and security. If you have any thought of fear of accidents, storms, epidemics, or any seeming hazard in the material world replace these fears with faith in God's abiding presence.

Keep your mind centered on God. Trust Him to shield you and to bring you safely through any experience.

*He will cover thee with his pinions,
And under his wings shalt thou take refuge.*

—PSALMS 91:4.

I BEHOLD THE SUN OF SPIRIT STEADILY RISING IN MY CONSCIOUSNESS, DISSOLVING THE FOGS OF FEAR AND TIMIDITY. I AM BOLD, FREE, ALL-WISE, AND ALL-KNOWING SPIRIT.

—UNITY ILLUMINATION THOUGHT.

WHEN WE ARE enveloped by a fog, we have difficulty in seeing the sun, and even the most familiar objects often appear distorted and unreal. But when the bright sun rises and its warm rays dispel the fog all is well, and for us everything resumes its customary normal appearance.

Fear and timidity are mental fogs that distort reality for us and cause us to reach false conclusions. In the fog of fear we have difficulty in seeing the sun of Spirit, the light that never fails. But when we look to the light, resolutely and steadfastly beholding it rising in our consciousness, the fogs of fear and timidity are dissolved, and we are enveloped by light.

Now we rejoice, for we see ourselves as we truly are, children of light, bold, free, all-wise, all-knowing Spirit, exalted, transcendent, splendid, glorious!

✿ *Jehovah will be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory.*—ISA. 60:19.

PROSPERITY MOVES FEARLESSLY INTO MY MIND AND AFFAIRS, AND SUCCESS ATTENDS ALL MY EFFORTS.—UNITY PROSPERITY THOUGHT.

TODAY, PALM SUNDAY, our attention is directed to the Bible story of Jesus Christ's entry into Jerusalem. We are told that many people spread their garments in the way; others cut branches from the trees and spread them in the way, and the multitudes that went before Him and followed Him sang songs of praise and joy.

In this Scripture record we find symbolized that which takes place in our own mind when we become receptive to the word of Truth. When Jesus Christ (the word of Truth) enters Jerusalem ("habitation of peace," our inner self) all the people (our thoughts) praise Him (are exalted), spread their garments before Him (acknowledge Him as ruler and lord), and cut branches from the trees and spread them before Him (worship Him as lord of life and substance).

Christ, the lord of life and substance, now enters fearlessly into your mind. Accept Him, rejoice in Him, praise Him, and His mighty divine presence will bless you.

☛ *Blessed is he that cometh.*—MATT. 21:9.

THE RESURRECTING SPIRIT OF CHRIST INSPIRES ME TO ACTION MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY. I AM HEALTH MADE MANIFEST.—UNITY HEALING THOUGHT.

THE SAME Spirit that raised up the crucified Jesus is now active in you, inspiring you to action mentally and physically. This Spirit is the Christ Spirit, the Spirit of life and health, the very Spirit of resurrection.

Jesus the man had of Himself no power to resurrect His body, but when Jesus had become wholly at one with the Christ, in whom the very Spirit of God shone forth, He brought His crucified body forth from the tomb and proved the eternal victory of life over death.

The resurrecting Spirit of Christ is now active in you, inspiring you to think thoughts of life and health, of boldness and courage, of progress and victory. This Spirit is now bidding you to claim your perfect health, to come forth from the darkness of ill-health into the bright day of perfection in spirit, mind, and body.

You can rightly say in Truth: "I am health made manifest." Proclaim it now and rejoice!

♣ *He is not here; for he is risen.*—MATT. 28:6.

Tuesday

EVERY CELL OF MY BODY TEMPLE IS RADIANT
WITH THE LIGHT OF CHRIST.

IN THE beginning of the Gospel according to John we read of "the light which lighteth every man who cometh into the world." It is indeed wonderful to think of light and life as being synonymous. To think of ourselves not only as filled with life but as infolded in a wondrous light has a remarkable healing and harmonizing effect upon the cells of the body. All sense of heaviness is replaced by a feeling of freedom, grace, and buoyancy. We are conscious of the new flow of life that surges throughout our being, and every cell in our body seems to say, "I am alive with God!"

Know that your body is pervaded by the healing, renewing, resurrecting activity of the Christ life. His life flows throughout your body temple.

The only thing that limits the expression of bodily perfection is our own limited concept of our body. Therefore let us see the Christ life and light shining in and through us; let us see every cell of our body temple radiant with the light of Christ.

• *Thy whole body shall be full of light.*—MATT. 6:22.

I JOYOUSLY SERVE THE CHRIST THIS DAY.

THIS DAY I am going to treat every person as if he were the Christ. Instead of letting my vision stop with the physical appearance of others, I shall see beyond appearances to the Christ presence that dwells in the midst of them. When I speak to another I speak to the Christ Spirit that animates his being. When I perform some act of kindness, it is the Christ that I serve. When gossip comes my way or criticism concerning another, I do not let this interfere with my clear vision. I continue to see only Christ as reality.

Through the power of Christ in me I am going to try to be more kind to others. I am going to be more considerate, more understanding, more helpful. God is love, and He has fashioned me in His image and likeness. Even as He loves me and cares for me, I in turn love and care for others. I keep myself poised and centered in the love of Christ. Every person I contact is blessed by the Christ love expressing itself through me.

✿ *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God.—I JOHN 4:7.*

CHRIST IN THE MIDST OF ME IS RAISING ME
TO THE HEIGHTS OF HIS PERFECTION.

NO MATTER how negatively you have thought of yourself in the past, regardless of the feeling of inferiority with which you may have considered your abilities, arise now and shine, for Christ is with you and the glory of His presence is the power of your being.

Your name, your environment, the circumstances in which you find yourself, the work that is before you, these are not the sum total of your existence. Christ is your potential name, Christ is your real environment, Christ is the healing presence in your circumstances. The limitations that you may have ascribed to your personality are not eternal prison walls. Christ in you is your real and eternal self, and this Christ is momentarily raising every atom of your being to new heights of divine perfection. Jesus Christ is the promise of that which you too can express.

Christ is your intelligence. Christ is your life and breath. Christ is the substance of your being. Christ in the midst of you is raising you to the heights of His perfection.

✿ *Christ in you, the hope of glory.*—COL. 1:27.

I RELEASE OLD THOUGHTS AND OLD CONDITIONS FROM MY MIND AND LIFE, AND I AM REBORN IN SPIRIT.

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of spiritual significance throughout the Christian world. In Truth we do not consider it to be a day of sadness and sorrow, but we think of it as a preface to a spiritual rebirth. It gives us a special opportunity to relinquish all the old limiting thoughts and beliefs that may have bound us in the past and to enter into the new life of Spirit wherein we find renewed peace and happiness and satisfaction.

Jesus Christ came to show us the whole way, even to making the final overcoming of death. With His example to guide and inspire us, how can we doubt the power of Spirit within us to overcome the darkness and negation in the world. As we make this a day of consecration and dedication, as we symbolically "die" to old thoughts and conditions, we are assured of rebirth into the rich new world of Spirit. With mind and heart cleansed and renewed we can accept the joyous meaning of the resurrection.

☛ *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you . . . Let not your heart be troubled.*—JOHN 14:27.

MARCH 27

Saturday

I HEAR THE FATHER'S VOICE CALLING ME
HIS BELOVED SON, AND I RESPOND WITH ALL
MY BEING.

IN THE silence I hear the still, small voice of God saying, "My child, my son, my beloved son, I am with you now and always. Lean on me and I will hold you up. I will strengthen and sustain you and fill your soul with joy."

Father, I hear Your voice of love. It quickens me and warms me. I respond joyfully, opening all my being to the exhilaration of Your presence. I am filled with a sense of infinite well-being. Complete confidence and assurance give positive force to all my acts and thoughts.

Father, I am one with Your Spirit. I feel Your perfect goodness filling every part of me. I feel a oneness with all life, with all people. I am one with You and with all men everywhere in a single unity of spirit.

Father, I give You all of myself, and my spirit soars in response to Your loving call.

♣ *I bare you on eagles' wings, and brought you unto myself: Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be mine own possession.—EXOD. 19:4, 5.*

Easter Sunday

MARCH 28

"I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE." I
RISE TRIUMPHANT OUT OF EVERY TRIAL.

THIS is the resurrection morning. The weight has lifted from my heart, the doubt has disappeared from my mind. The light of Truth is shining clearly within me, and I know with all my heart, mind, and soul that God is good, that His life is eternal, that His love is never-failing.

My questioning heart is stilled, my soul is lifted up. I no longer feel alone or afraid.

"I am the resurrection, and the life." Out of the dark night of doubt I have come, and the day of Truth dawns for me.

I know with a knowledge beyond human reasoning that there is no loss, no separation in Spirit, that though all things human change Spirit is changeless, indestructible.

This is the answer my soul has been seeking, this is the faith that overcomes the world.

"I am the resurrection, and the life." I rise triumphant out of every trial.

✿ *I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die.—JOHN 11:25, 26.*

MARCH 29

Monday

I HAVE PEACE WITHIN MY HEART, AND ALL
IS WELL.

TODAY I feel a deep calm within. I feel God's love permeating every cell of my being, filling me with a wonderful peace, a glorious sense of well-being. I meet any demand upon my time and strength with confidence, knowing that I have the ability through the power of God in me to do all things and do them well.

I rest in the assurance that I have nothing to fear. I go calmly about my work or play and each moment unfolds easily and clearly. I realize that it is the Father within me who is doing the work. His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

I place myself and my loved ones in His care, and I feel lifted up with a feeling of lightness and buoyancy.

I am released from all doubt and fear, and my heart is light, because I have faith that whatever my needs, God is the answer.

As I let go and let Him take over, my life is in divine order, and I am at peace with all the world.

*Acquaint now thyself with him and be at peace:
Thereby good shall come unto thee.—JOB 22:21.*

Tuesday

MARCH 30

I ACKNOWLEDGE GOD'S PRESENCE AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY, AND HE BLESSES ME IN ALL THAT I DO.

I ACKNOWLEDGE God at the beginning of the day and ask Him to guide me and to help me all day long.

I acknowledge His wisdom as the source of my guidance in whatever I do. He guides my hands in the performance of my daily tasks. He guides my thoughts, He guides my speech, He guides my steps in paths of pleasantness and peace.

I acknowledge God's abundance as the source of my supply. He supplies me daily with food for my body, a comfortable home and congenial surroundings, and a steady, sure income to take care of all my needs. Truly and with all my heart I acknowledge God as the source of my supply.

I acknowledge His life as my health and strength. Every day I feel stronger and better because His life surges through every cell of my body, and I am filled with strength and tireless energy that enable me to live a useful life in this world.

*In all thy ways acknowledge him,
And he will direct thy paths.*

—PROV. 3:6.

MARCH 31

Wednesday

GOD'S LOVE RESTORES MY SOUL CONSTANTLY.

IN HIS infinite love my heavenly Father washes my mind clean of all the stains and ills of yesterday and restores my soul today. He frees my mind from holding onto harmful memories. He pours His love into my being, and I am renewed.

I breathe into my spirit the joy of His presence today and put away all thought of the faults and failures of yesterday. Knowing His full forgiveness, I freely forgive myself. I bless and forgive everyone everywhere and envelop all people in my love as the Father's love envelops me.

A healing, restoring warmth and tenderness fills me, quiets, and calms me. The peace of God is mine. All regrets, reproaches, and anxieties are gone. In their place is quiet assurance, a joyous realization of Truth.

God, my Father, is with me today. All the universe is mine, and I am one with all persons everywhere. My spirit blesses all creation as God blesses me.

Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures.

—PSALMS 23:1.

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